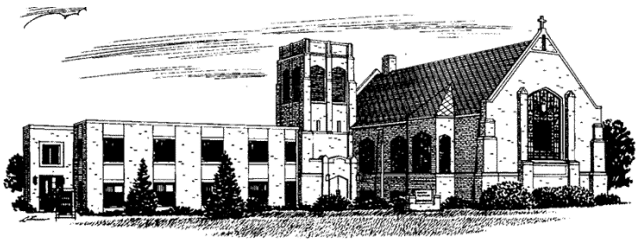

SARON NEWSLETTER

Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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July 2017

The Rev. Joan Oleson, Pastor
Home: 269-983-2475
Email: oleson@saronlutheran.org

Marcus Roll, Senior Choir Director,
Bell Choir Director
Email: roll1mc@gmail.com
Irma Gorman, Organist
Margaret Froehlich, Administrative Assistant
Nanci Fenrick, Financial Secretary
Danielle Hohman, Child Care

Sundays at Saron:
During the School Year:
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Worship
Childcare provided
9:40 Learning for Ages 2 – Adult

Summers (thru Labor Day weekend):
9:30 Holy Communion
Childcare provided
No Learning Hour

All are welcome!
We hold in prayer:
The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton,
Presiding Bishop, ELCA
The Rev. Dr. Craig Satterlee, Bishop of the
North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Whayne Hougland, Bishop of the Episcopal
Diocese of Western MI

Our Companion Synods:
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras
Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea
Lutheran Church of Latvia

Saron's Mission:
Joyfully sharing God's love for all!!

Rev. Daniel Ward Greets Members after the service

Rev. Parsons and the Children's Sermon - "THE HOLY TRINITY"

Rev. Dr. Craig Satterlee, Bishop

Caring and Sharing

In Our Prayers –

We remember in our thoughts and prayers: **Arla Huelsberg** is at the Whitcomb Tower Retirement Center, St. Joseph; **Lila Roethel** is at the Willows; and **Bernice Koski** is at Woodland Terrace.

Serving in the military:
Andy Wedde – **California**

Office Hours at Saron
Margaret (secretary): Mon-Tues, 9 AM - 1 PM
Weds of Newsletter Week, 9 AM - 1 PM
Volunteers: Weds, 9:30 AM - 11 AM+
Nanci (financial secretary): Weds aft
Call for other times/changes
Pastor: is on Sabbatical until July 24th
When Pastor is out of town, emergency pastoral care information can be obtained by calling the church office (983.1273) or contacting the president of the congregation.
Note: E-mails meant for Pastor should be addressed to oleson@saronlutheran.org. E-mails to Margaret and the church office should be addressed to info@saronlutheran.org.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Saron's Members in July 2017

July 3 - Ellie Hammer
4 – Andrew Huff
7 - Preston Akers
8 - Elliott de la Foret
9 – Barbara Stelter
11 - Thomas Freemire
12 - Scott Gaspari
14 - Kylie Hammer
15 - Joyce Marquardt
17 - Andrew Gustafson
21 - Marge Teal
23 – Lauren (Olson) Kauffman
25 – John Koehler
26 – Pastor Joan Oleson
Robert Hopkins
28 - Helena Kepp
Jennifer Nicholas
29 – Ilo Coar

Happy Anniversary Wishes to Saron's Members In July 2017

July 3 – Adam and Shavonn Bradley
4 - Robert and Gloria Hopkins
12 – Rian and Judi Huff
14 – Gus Leoni and Wendy King
15 – James and Katherine Nadeau
22 – Keith and Jan Stevens
25 – Brent and Linda Dipert
26 – Nick and Kati (Huff) Hooper
- John and Candy Taylor

"God's Blessings for a very happy day and year round"

If there is anyone who has been omitted, or, if the dates are incorrect from the birthday and anniversary list, please call the church office at 983-1273. Thank you.

Betty Ross and Jerry Stelling with Ivan Kiessel, they were at Betty's favorite eating stop in Coldwater.
New address:
Mrs. Betty Ross
150 North Shore Drive % Masonville Place
Coldwater, MI 49036

SABBATICAL NEWS

Pastor's sabbatical begins April 24 and extends through July 23. Supply pastors have been secured, and pastoral care arrangements are in place.

For Non-Emergencies, contact one of the following:
Karen Hinckley 269/326-0688
Jan Stevens 269/429-2044
Janet Oleson 269/428-7442
In an Emergency, contact
Karen Hinckley 269/326-0688
The Rev. David Slater 269/281-0848

These numbers are important as during Pastor's sabbatical she will not be available to take phone calls, make calls and visits, or preside at funerals. Other arrangements have been made for each of these occasions, as needed. She will reply to e-mails upon her return. If you have a need, you can e-mail the church office where the e-mail will be checked regularly. If you have any questions, you

can ask any council member. *A devotional by Saron was sent out to Saron members. If you did not receive a copy, contact Saron and we will arrange for you to receive a copy.*
Copies of the books that Pastor is reading on sabbatical are on the table in the narthex. They are there for your perusal and/or borrowing.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the sabbatical planning team including Kerrie Hoodlebrink, and Mary Alice Brunner. They'd be happy to try and answer your questions and receive your thoughts.

Sabbatical Fund
Submitted by Mary Alice Brunner
Some members of the congregation have asked about making voluntary contributions to a sabbatical fund for Pastor Oleson, to help with expenses in excess of what is already available in the Continuing Education budget. In response to this request, a Sabbatical Fund has been established and anyone wishing to make voluntary contributions to this fund may do so by writing "Sabbatical Fund" on the memo line of their check.

Worship

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS
As you prepare for worship, you are invited to read and reflect on the Scriptures for the day.

Sunday July 2 –
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday July 9 –
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday July 16 –
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1--13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday July 23 –
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday July 30 –
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Nursery Help Needed
We always welcome more volunteers for the nursery. If you can help, please sign up at church or let Marilyn Lucy or Krin Jurgensen know of your willingness.

PRAYER GROUP
Join us on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. for a time of quiet reflection and prayer, which includes lifting up the requests offered on Sundays at worship. We meet in the sanctuary.

A word from Father Martin
In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation celebrated this year, we hear a word attributed to Father Martin:

July 2
Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

July 9
Peace if possible, truth at all costs. Martin Luther

July 16
For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver

July 23
"The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God."
—Martin Luther, thesis 62

Learning

book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Saron is a congregation seeking to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered and sent by the Word.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A "Color Fest" comes to Saron July 31-August 3. It will take place from 6:30-8:30 PM; ages Kdg – 5th grade, completed. Invite a friend! For more information contact Kristen Harper or Amanda Bradley

Tuesday Mornings at the Beach

Begin your day with prayer and Bible study at the beach this summer! Bring your travel cup of coffee or tea, a jacket, and your Bible for a gathering on Tuesday mornings at 8:30, all summer. We meet at Lions Park Beach in Saint Joseph. Plan to get your free parking pass (as a St Joseph resident) at City Hall, take a brief walk after parking down Lions Park Drive, arrange to car pool from the church, or pay the $5 daily parking fee. A season pass for $40 is also available. Questions? Contact **Darlene Kiessel (269-313-4062).**

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us again in the Fall.

Women of the ELCA

Deborah Circle - Deborah Circle will gather on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake House Restaurant in St. Joseph.

Saron Church Women – Thanks everyone who participated in the Rummage Sale held on June 10. We applaud those who donated items, helped set up, priced, worked the day of the sale, donated lunch, boxed left-over items, cleaned up, and moved tables. Net sales, after newspaper ad expenses, totaled 1,623.00. Proceeds will be equally divided between Samaritas (Lutheran Social Services of Michigan/ LSSM) and Mosaic of Benton Harbor. **Thanks, again, everyone!**

SUMMER BEACH WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Once again, Saron members and friends can take advantage of the beauty of Lake Michigan as a setting for informal summer worship. Once a month –July 12, and August 9, all Wednesday nights -- we will gather at Lion's Park Beach for a picnic supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. The church will provide hot dogs, brats, condiments, chips, and lemonade. Others are invited to bring a dish to share. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

Saron's Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study meets at 6:00 p.m. at the church. David Slater leads us in our studies. At 7:00 p.m. we adjourn for a time of fellowship. All men are invited to join us. As the Bible says "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). For more information call Bob Kynast at 269-921-2786 or David Slater at 269-281-0848.

EPHESUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Ephesus group meets approximately once each month at various homes. For details of their next gathering, please contact the church office or watch your bulletin for news.

Men's monthly Bible Devotions and Breakfast

There will be NO Men's Bible Devotions/Breakfast during the summer months, we will resume again in October.

1ST SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We will not meet again for book discussions until Sunday, October 1st. Look in the August Newsletter to find the list of books we have chosen for our next session. Until then, have a summer of great reading!

" I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense". (Harold Kushner)

Support

A Special Message for Travelers and Those Who Prefer Electronic Giving

Saron offers the option to give electronically for your convenience. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or to enroll. Thanks.

STOCK DONATIONS

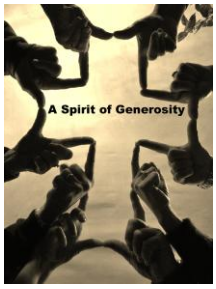
Saron partners with Scottrade, a brokerage firm, to accept stock donations. If you would like to donate stock, contact our representative, Bill Fuentas, at (574) 272-1980. The statements we receive from Scottrade do not identify who donated the stock so please notify Eric Standen or Nanci Fenrick when you have donated. This allows us to complete the transaction and to be sure it's added to your giving statement. If you have further questions or concerns contact Eric Standen or Nanci Fenrick.

Hospitality

Sign Up for Refreshments

Please consider signing up for refreshments to be served after worship on Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

STEWARDS OF GOD'S LOVE



….with glad and generous hearts, praising God …. Acts 2:46c

" Stewardship is everything we do after we say we believe." John Westerhoff

We thank everyone who is offering their additional time and talent while Pastor Oleson is on sabbatical. Whether it is taking a leadership role in the worship service, visiting the sick, administering communion to shut-ins, mentoring someone in need, making financial contributions, leading Bible studies, proofreading, sending out reminder emails, attending meetings, cleaning the church, mowing the lawn, Soup Kitchen, …. the list goes on and on. We're accomplishing all the "normal gifts of service" plus many more beyond that. Thank you so much!

God's work. Our Hands.

Outreach

Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen-

May 25 Saron served 150 people at the Soup Kitchen. Thank you to Kathie and Dave Bradley, Frieda Williams, Keith Stevens, Ruth Ball and Marlene Schalon for preparing our meal. A smile.....a kind word.....hot food.....what a great way to care for one another. Our cookie bakers for May were :Kris Weber, Deanna Deaton, Sue Bailey, Pat Breyen ,Krin Jurgensen and Judy Wedde - God's Work. Our Hands!

Thank you, Jan Stevens, if you'd like to help out ,call me at 269-429-2044

LARGE or SMALL cans of fruit, for use at the Soup Kitchen, are always needed.
Thank you very much, Jan Stevens

Keep Your Eyes Open

If you happen to come across glasses that you no longer use or they have gone out of style, please consider bringing them into Saron and putting them into the Lions Eye Glass box, in the Narthex. They can be reused by someone who needs them! Thank you, St. Joseph Township Lions

SW MI Human Trafficking Task Force

Saron is a member of the SW MI Human Trafficking Task Force. The task force provides training to our local medical personnel and law enforcement officers .These training events provide information about Human Trafficking -what signs to look for , how to stop it, and how to help the victims.

Saron members can help raise funds to hold these events. A Kalamazoo company called Opulent Blends has made bars of soap for the Human Trafficking Task Force

The soap is called "Sweet Smell of Surviving". The cost is $6.00 a bar or 2 bars for $10.00. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE TASK FORCE!! The soap will be available in the narthex. Thank you for supporting this Outreach opportunity.
Any Questions, ask Jan Stevens

LWR Fair Trade

We support Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade farmers through our selling of coffee, tea, and cocoa at cost. We have flavored coffee, decaf, medium and dark roast coffees, black and green teas, and now we are offering Keurig cups.

Please support this ministry by purchasing these products regularly for yourself and as gifts. Thank you.

FACEBOOK

We love to share pictures of Saron's ministry on our Facebook page and we get great feedback. It is our practice not to put names with the pictures. If you prefer your family member's picture not to be posted, please let us know, so that we can honor that request.

MEET ME AT THE FREEZER

Freezer meals are available , in the dining room freezer. If you have a neighbor, friend, relative or yourself who needs a "helping hand " in the kitchen, please take a meal. A visit, phone call, or a meal are a great way to show you care!

"God's Work. Our Hands"

Thank you, Outreach Committee

Facilities

HELP NEEDED AFTER SECOND SERVICE

Please consider helping out once every other month with the important job of securing our building after the second service. The job would be to lock all the outer doors, turn off lights and check a few areas in the building. It does not take long and usually you only are assigned once every other month if we have enough help. This is a job that needs to be done and we cannot expect our Pastor to have that responsibility. If you can help or you would like to find out more about the job please contact Janet or Bill Oleson.

Lawn Mowers Needed – There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers to mow the yards instead of hiring that work out saved the church an estimated $1,100.00 in expenses last year. Please sign-up to help the church save money and keep our grounds looking good. The church has its own lawn mower. Even some high school members could mow with direction from parents. If you have any questions please see or notify Bill Oleson.

USED INK CARTRIGES NEEDED –

Please save your used ink cartridges as it saves the church money in office supplies, is a good fellowship opportunity as well as helping to maintain God's house. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Please consider helping and if you have any questions talk to Bill Oleson or Pastor Joan.

Council News

Financial Secretary News

We extend a heart-felt thank you to Denise Cook, who after many years of faithful service as Saron's financial secretary, is stepping down. She is currently training our new financial secretary who is Nanci Fenrick. We welcome Nanci who plans to work in the office on Wednesday afternoons, beginning at approximately 2:30. You can reach Nanci at the office during that time. She is also open to phone calls at 269/845-2595 or an e-mail at **nanci0126@yahoo.com**

Attendance Record	
05/28/2017	*47*
06/04/2017 *06/11/2717*	*62* *78*
06/18/2017	*103*

Saron's Council Members – 2017

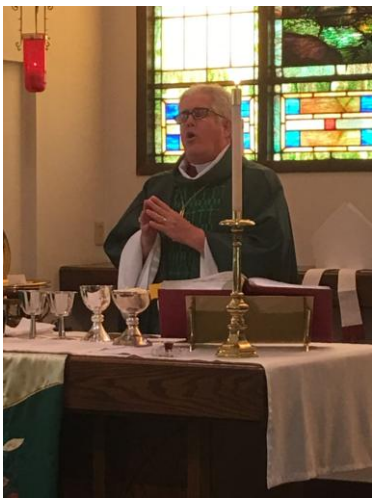
Karen Hinckley (326-0688) – President
Matt Bradley (419-306-5780) – Vice President
Eric Standen (556-9629) – Treasurer
Mary Kynast (428-0148) – Secretary

Mary Kynast (428-0148) – Worship*
Jack Houser (556-0377) - Learning*
Eric Standen (556-9629) – Facilities*
Brad Frey (921-8618) – Facilities*
Scott Gaspari (847-373-8825) – Youth*
Nolan Becker (269-558-3252) – Youth*
Matt Bradley (419-306-5780) – Support*
Tyler Cook (269-930-2810) – Hospitality*
Judi Huff (473-5075) – Hospitality*
Amy Nelson (920-227-5354) – Outreach*
Joan Oleson (983-1273) office;
983-2475 home) – Pastor

**liaison*

Wendy King giving the Children's Sermon

Deborah Circle Rummage Sale on June 10th



Bishop Satterlee serving communion

Rev. Dr. Craig Satterlee Officiating at Saron on June 18th

June 18th service with Bishop Satterlee

The Choir sang "Lord, I Know I Been Changed"

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July Volunteer Schedule

	July 2 *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*	***July 9*** *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*	***July 16*** *Sixth Sunday of Pentecost*	***July 23*** *Seventh Sunday of Pentecost*	***July 30*** *Eighth Sunday of Pentecost*
	9:30	***9:30***	**9:30**	***9:30***	***9:30***
Assisting minister	Denise Cook	Eric Standen	Bob Kynast	Jan Stevens	Bill Oleson
Reader/ Intinction	Hailey Talbert and Tyler Cook	Savannah Talbert and Wendy King	Mary Kynast	Matt Bradley	Bob Deaton
Ushers	John Olson and Bob Kynast	Krin Jurgensen and Hailey Talbert	Fritz Knauf and Keith Stevens	Dave and Sue Bailey	Eric and Deb Standen
Acolytes	Grant Gacek	Jenna and Brooke Henderson	Troy Burrow	Mia Bradley	Meredith Gacek
Nursery Assistant	Mary Kynast	Marilyn Frey	Karen Hinckley	Deb Standen	Marilyn Lucy
Bldg. close	Keith and Jan Stevens	Bob and Mary Kynast	Keith and Jan Stevens	Keith and Jan Stevens	Joseph and Katherine Ulrey
Snacks					
Flowers		Karen Hinckley		Jan and Keith Stevens	
Mowing	Weekend of July 3 Jim Manore	Weekend of July 10	Weekend of July 17 Jim Manore	Weekend of July 24	

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday with Communion by intinction						1
2 9:30 a.m Worship	**3** 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group	**4** ***Church office closed Independence Day***	**5** 9:30 a.m. Golden Hammers	**6**	**7**	8
9 9:30 a.m Worship	**10** 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group Newsletter Articles due	**11** 8:30 a.m. Beach Bible Study at Lions Park 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	**12** 9:30 a.m. Golden Hammers 6:00 p.m. Summer Beach picnic supper 7:00 p.m. Worship	**13**	**14**	15
16 9:30 a.m Worship	**17** 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	**18** 8:30 a.m. Beach Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Vasa 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	**19** 9:30 a.m. Golden Hammers 6:00 p.m. Deborah Circle dinner at the Lake House Restaurant	**20**	**21**	22
23 9:30 a.m Worship	**24** 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group	**25** 8:30 a.m. Beach Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	**26** 9:30 a.m. Golden Hammers	**27** 9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen	**28**	29
30 9:30 a.m Worship	**31** 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m Vacation Bible School					